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TO: REGISTRANTS
COLD STORAGE OR REFRIGERATION FACILITY LICENSE
FROZEN FOOD LOCKER PLANT LICENSE
PET FOOD PROCESSOR LICENSE/REGISTRATION
PRIVATE WATER SOURCE OPERATOR'S LICENSE
WATER HAULER'S LICENSE
PROCESSED FOOD REGISTRATION
WATER BOTTLING PLANT LICENSE
BOTTLED WATER DISTRIBUTOR LICENSE
RETAIL WATER FACILITY LICENSE
WATER VENDING MACHINE OPERATOR'S LICENSE
RETAIL FOOD SAFETY

SUBJECT: FEE INCREASE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Effective July 1, 2025, the Food and Drug Branch (FDB) will increase fees by 15 percent as authorized by the Budget Act of 2024, in accordance with California Health and Safety (H&S) Code Section 100425. This increase and publication of the fee list is not subject to the regulation adoption requirements specified in Chapter 3.5 (commencing with section 11340) of Part 1, Division 3, Title 2 of the Government Code.

The new fee schedule was determined in accordance with the aforementioned Budget Act criterion based on a review of current expenditures and the revenues needed to support program administration.

The table below shows the current fees and the fee increases taking effect on July 1, 2025. The new amounts will be included in all billing invoices for payments required on or after July 1, 2025.

Type	Fees		
	Current (Annual)	New (Annual)	Renewal (Annual)
Cold Storage or Refrigeration Facility License	\$332	\$381	\$381
Frozen Food Locker Plant License	\$165	\$189	\$189
Pet Food Processor License/Registration	\$166	\$190	\$190
Private Water Source Operator's License	\$619	\$711	\$711



Type	Fees		
	Current (Annual)	New (Annual)	Renewal (Annual)
Water Hauler's License	\$619	\$711	\$711
Bottled Water Distributor License	\$619	\$711	\$711
Retail Water Facility License	\$619	\$711	\$711
Water Vending Machine Operator's License	\$53	\$60	\$60
Water Bottling Plant License	\$619-\$1,748 ¹	\$711-\$2,010 ¹	\$711-\$2,010 ¹
Processed Food Registration	\$456-\$2,344 ²	\$524-\$2,695 ²	\$524-\$2,695 ²
Retail Food Hourly Rate ³	\$103.50/hour	\$119/hour	\$119/hour

¹ Fees for the Water Bottling Plant License vary, depending on amount of gallons of water produced.

² Fees for the Processed Food Registration vary depending on the facility location, type of operation (manufacturing vs. storing), the number of employees, and square footage.

³ Fees for the Retail Food are charged hourly based on complexity of review.

This letter and the table are posted on the internet at www.cdph.ca.gov/fdb under "Forms and Applications."

If you have any questions concerning the new fee amounts, please e-mail FDB at fdbfood@cdph.ca.gov or contact us at (800) 495-3232.

Sincerely,



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